

# Study of the convergence of the finite-element method for parabolic equations with a nonlinear nonlocal spatial operator

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## Abstract

© 2015, Pleiades Publishing, Ltd. We consider a parabolic equation whose spatial operator depends nonlinearly not only on the unknown function and its gradient but also on a nonlocal (integral) characteristic of the solution. By using the semidiscretization method with respect to the variable  $t$  and the finite element method in the space variables, we construct an approximate solution method in which the nonlocality is pulled down to the lower layer. We prove a theorem on the convergence of the constructed algorithm under minimal assumptions on the smoothness of the original data.

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